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Covering Activities for the Month

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THE WELFARE PICTURE IN CALIFORNIA

Total public assistance costs dropped by $55,000 in May 1953 as compared to the previous month of April. Expenditures for all programs declined except for Aid to the Blind, where the increase was less than $2,000.

The total expenditures for May 1953 of $27,825,749 was less than $500,000 more than for May of 1952 despite the fact the Old Age Security program costs were greater by more than $750,000 as the result of the $5 increase in maximum grant passed in October 1952. The Aid to Needy Children program costs were down about $300,000 from May 1952 and County General Relief costs are down almost $75,000.

The following comparisons of caseloads by program for May 1953 and May 1952 reveal a substantial reduction in the number of recipients of public assistance:

	May 1952	May 1953	Net Change
Old Age Security.....	273,092	271,722	-1,370
Aid to the Blind.....	11,526	11,792	+ 266
Aid to Needy Children			
Families.....	55,535	52,162	-3,373
Boarding Home Children.	9,498	9,649	+ 151
General Relief			
Families.....	7,027	6,706	- 321
One-person cases.....	20,182	18,529	-1,653

These declines have occurred despite a continuation of the population increase in the state. Further caseload declines are expected during the ensuing year.

TABLE I

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN CALIFORNIA

COMPARISON OF MAY 1953 DATA WITH APRIL 1953 AND MAY 1952

PROGRAM	RECIPIENTS			TOTAL EXPENDITURES			AVERAGE GRANT		
	MAY 1953	APRIL 1953	MAY 1952	MAY 1953	APRIL 1953	MAY 1952	MAY 1953	APRIL 1953	MAY 1952
OLD AGE SECURITY	271,722	271,667	273,092	$18,855,379	$18,863,993	$18,096,393	$ 69.39	$ 69.44	$ 66.26
AID TO NEEDY BLIND	11,290	11,238	10,985	966,064	963,907	895,026	85.57	85.77	81.48
AID TO PARTIALLY SELF-SUPPORTING BLIND	502	501	541	44,418	44,696	45,426	88.48	89.21	83.97
AID TO NEEDY CHILDREN:									
Total Children	136,709	136,087	141,142	6,797,486	6,814,828	7,090,169	49.72	50.08	50.23
Family Groups	52,162	52,108	55,535	6,207,062	6,230,220	6,537,358	119.00	119.56	117.72
Children in Family Groups	127,060	126,584	131,644	-	-	-	48.85	49.22	49.66
Children in Boarding Homes & Inst	9,649	9,503	9,498	590,424	584,608	552,811	61.19	61.52	58.20
GENERAL HOME RELIEF:									
Total Cases	25,235	26,464	27,209	1,162,402	1,194,026	1,235,062	-	-	-
Total Persons	43,855	47,456	46,312	-	-	-	-	-	-
Family Cases	6,706	7,375	7,027	370,428	401,349	409,098	55.24	54.42	58.22
Persons in Family Cases	25,326	28,367	26,130	-	-	-	14.63	14.15	15.66
One-Person Cases	18,529	19,089	20,182	791,974	792,677	825,964	42.74	41.53	40.93

PROGRAM	APPLICATIONS*									CASES DISCONTINUED*		
	SIGNED			GRANTED			PENDING AT END OF MONTH					
	MAY 1953	APRIL 1953	MAY 1952	MAY 1953	APRIL 1953	MAY 1952	MAY 1953	APRIL 1953	MAY 1952	MAY 1953	APRIL 1953	MAY 1952
OLD AGE SECURITY	2,945	3,131	2,894	2,868	3,179	3,136	5,325	5,425	6,040	3,225	3,494	3,369
AID TO NEEDY BLIND	381	343	364	196	227	216	611	561	679	158	206	185
AID TO PARTIALLY SELF-SUPPORTING BLIND	6	1	6	9	6	8	6	4	9	17	15	16
AID TO NEEDY CHILDREN:												
Family Groups	2,068	2,218	1,697	1,953	2,068	1,939	2,967	3,052	2,577	1,822	2,028	2,246
Children in Boarding Homes & Inst	346	263	306	554	486	375	238	232	257	362	431	398
GENERAL HOME RELIEF:												
Total Cases	7,763 (a)	8,689 (a)	7,324 (a)	4,368	5,098	4,189	**	**	**	5,104	6,038	5,568
Total Persons	18,505 (a)	20,930 (a)	17,683 (a)	10,792	12,972	10,029	**	**	**	13,394	15,375	14,490

* Data exclude inter-county transfers. "Applications granted" includes restorations granted.

** Not available

(a) Includes all requests for all types of General Relief. This count may not be comparable with formal applications.

BOARDING HOME LICENSING PROGRAM

May 1953

	BOARDING HOMES FOR	
	CHILDREN	AGED PERSONS
NEW LICENSES ISSUED	566	77
By State Department	6	1
By Accredited Licensing Agencies	560	76
RENEWAL LICENSES ISSUED	722	126
By State Department	2	1
By Accredited Licensing Agencies	720	125
APPLICATION FOR LICENSE OR LICENSED MAY 31, 1953	17,732	2,398
State Department	133	32
Accredited Licensing Agencies	16,717	2,366
Homes for Exclusive Use of Child Placing Agencies	882	xxx

INSTITUTION LICENSING PROGRAM

May 1953

	INSTITUTIONS FOR	
	CHILDREN*	AGED PERSONS
LICENSES ISSUED	76	13
New	15	3
Renewal	61	10
APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSE PENDING INVESTIGATION MAY 31, 1953	97	27
New	82	24
Renewal	15	3
TOTAL LICENSED MAY 31, 1953	759	178

*Excludes "Children's Camps"

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE EXPENDITURES BY PROGRAM AND SOURCE OF FUNDS

May 1953

PROGRAM	TOTAL AMOUNT OF AID	FEDERAL FUNDS		STATE FUNDS		COUNTY FUNDS	
		Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
All Programs	$27,825,749	$12,225,702	43.9	$11,507,381	41.4	$4,092,666	14.7
Old Age Security	18,855,379	9,041,815	48.0	8,416,379	44.6	1,397,185	7.4
Aid to Needy Blind	966,064	387,314	40.1	434,525	45.0	144,225	14.9
Aid to Partially Self-Supporting Blind	44,418	xxx	xxx	37,106	83.5	7,312	16.5
Aid to Needy Children	6,797,486	2,796,573	41.2	2,619,371	38.5	1,381,542	20.3
General Home Relief	1,162,402	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	1,162,402	100.0

ADOPTIONS IN CALIFORNIA

May 1953

	DISPLACED PERSONS CASES		REGULAR	
INDEPENDENT ADOPTIONS				
Petitions Filed		0		304
Investigation by State Department	0		145	
Investigation by County Welfare Departments	0		159	
Disposition of Petitions		2		368
By State Department	2		161	
By County Welfare Departments	0		207	
Recommendations		2		345
Approval	2		295	
Denial	0		50	
Other Dispositions		0		23
RELINQUISHMENT ADOPTIONS				
Children Relinquished				104
To Private Adoption Agencies			34	
To Public Adoption Agencies			70	
Adoption Completed				104
By Private Adoption Agencies			55	
By Public Adoption Agencies			49	